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The Honorable Leslie Durgin  
Mayor  
City of Boulder  
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Dear Mayor Durgin:

The U.S. Department of Energy is currently forming a Technical Review Group as described in the proposed final *Rocky Flats Plant Community Relations Plan - Environmental Restoration Program*, U.S. Department of Energy, January 1991. Through participation in the Technical Review Group, members of the communities surrounding the Rocky Flats Plant will have opportunities for early involvement in the plant's environmental restoration activities, specifically work plan development. A more complete description of the Technical Review Group is enclosed.

The U.S. Department of Energy would like to invite the City of Boulder to participate in the Technical Review Group through the designation of one person who can represent your city. Meaningful participation in the Technical Review Group will require a significant time commitment of all involved. Also, due to the technical nature of the operable unit work plans on which the group will focus, representatives who have a working knowledge of Rocky Flats Plant cleanup issues will offer the most effective input. Please keep these qualities in mind when selecting your city's representative.

The U.S. Department of Energy plans to have a Technical Review Group in place by June 1, 1991. Therefore, if the City of Boulder would like to participate, please designate a representative and provide his or her name to Ms. Jill Paukert by calling her at 966-6160 by May 15, 1991. The identified representatives will then be contacted in late May with information on the first meeting of the Technical Review Group.

The Rocky Flats Plant sees many potential benefits from the establishment of a Technical Review Group for work plan development, including informal and effective dialogue between the plant and the public on cleanup efforts and early identification of potential differences in technical theory and approach. We hope that all of the organizations and municipalities invited to participate also view the creation of the Technical Review Group as a positive step toward improving community involvement in the plant's cleanup activities and will choose to join us in this cooperative effort.

Sincerely,

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## ROCKY FLATS PLANT TECHNICAL REVIEW GROUP

**OBJECTIVE:** The Rocky Flats Plant Technical Review Group (TRG) will provide for early community involvement in environmental restoration projects through participation in workplan scoping and draft workplan review.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The TRG will comprise a total of 20 to 25 participants who can analyze and discuss the plant's environmental restoration projects, specifically CERCLA Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies and RCRA Facility Investigations and Corrective Measures Studies, on a technical level. One representative of each of the following entities will be invited to participate:

- Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council
- area municipalities (Arvada, Boulder, Boulder County, Broomfield, Golden, Jefferson County, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster)
- Rocky Flats Cleanup Commission
- Citizens Against Nuclear Disinformation in Denver
- Communities Uniting for Environmental Safety

Where necessary, the following entities will provide two representatives each, a primary representative who will participate on a regular basis and a secondary technical representative with expertise concerning a particular operable unit (OU) who will participate when that OU is under consideration by the TRG:

- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Colorado Department of Health
- EG&G Rocky Flats, Inc.

Two positions on the TRG will be reserved for OU-specific representatives who will be invited by the U.S. Department of Energy with the concurrence of the TRG. These participants could include representatives from universities or state or local agencies. Additionally, a representative of EG&G Rocky Flats Community Relations will participate as a meeting moderator. The U.S. Department of Energy will not financially compensate individuals or organizations for their participation in the Technical Review Group.

**SCOPE/FORMAT:** The TRG will meet at least once a month to participate in workplan scoping and draft workplan review sessions. The group will function within the schedules established by the Interagency Agreement.

The U.S. Department of Energy will take responsibility for meeting logistics, such as notification and meeting place arrangements. Meetings will be held during normal business hours and will generally last approximately one-half day. TRG meetings will be held at the Rocky Flats Plant in building 60 unless precluded by scheduling conflicts.

The work sessions will be conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy. The TRG membership will determine the agenda for each meeting based on current and upcoming cleanup activities and the group's priorities.

The IAG-assigned lead regulatory agency for the particular OUs under consideration will be responsible for determining which TRG written and oral comments are relevant and assimilating such comments into that agency's formal comments on the project documentation. All written TRG comments must be compiled by one member of the group and transmitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the Colorado Department of Health for consideration, as appropriate, at least two weeks prior to submittal of the particular agency's comments to the U.S. Department of Energy. As is currently the case, all final cleanup-related decisions will be made by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Health.

The work sessions will be informal to encourage meaningful and constructive dialogue among the participants. No responsiveness summaries or similar methods of response to comments will be developed for this effort due to the time intensiveness of these efforts. Rather, comments will be discussed by the agencies within the framework of the work sessions.

The membership, scope and format of the TRG can be revised by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Health as necessary to meet the needs of the community and the agencies.